Bloodgood's, Walnut Street wharf
Philadelphia Friday evening

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
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My dear Sir,

You may conceive my mortification on finding a minute or two after leaving your house that I had forgotten my precious parcel of Botanica &c. I must beg you to send it on to me here, and if I do not trespass too much on your kindness I will ask an additional favour. When I was taking my tickets at Princeton the clerk did not name the fare and I did not know it. I gave him a three dollar note he returned me a one dollar note and it seems was getting the change out, but having waited a moment to see if more was coming and being rather hurried I went to my seat before he was ready with it and it was after we had started that looking at my tickets I perceived that I ought to have had 75 cents additional change. I asked the ticket taker whether there was not some mistake and he told me that the clerk had been looking for me with the change and could not find me - I do not choose to give him these 75 cents as he ought to have told me the price of the ticket. I therefore wrote on my card which I sent back - "the traveller who should have "received 75 cents change at Princeton "which Dr. Torrey will receive for me" - Any one I presume authorised by you can receive it and you can either put it into the parcel, or use it to prepay the parcel which will have the same effect. I write on this scrap of paper that I may enclose my [illegible] to you which I should have taken with me. I shall retain a very pleasant remembrance of my visit to you and only regret that it seemed necessary for me to make it so short.

Believe me to be dear Sir

very truly Yours

William Hincks

I am staying at the Walnut Street House for the sake of being close at hand to steam my baggage in the morning and though I shall probably move afterwards you may address me here